



United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service
Canaveral National Seashore
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Fish and Wildlife Service
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge
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COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT Application Instructions

Commercial Harvesting Permits are valid from October 1st through September 30th. The cost for the permit is \$150. A permit is required for each individual engaged in the commercial harvesting of clams, crabs, fish, oysters, shrimp and bait fish within the boundaries of Canaveral National Seashore and/or Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. Commercial Harvesting Permits may not be used for Commercial Guide Service.

To apply for a Commercial Harvesting permit, submit your completed application along with the \$150.00 permit fee, to Canaveral National Seashore headquarters office. Payment may be by personal check or money order made payable to: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. Cash (exact amount only) is accepted when applying in person. (Do not send cash if you are submitting your application by mail).

In the "Description of Proposed Activity" section of this application, please describe the specific types of harvesting you will engage in, i.e., clamming, fishing, crabbing, shrimping, oystering, etcetera.

The following application documentation is required:

- Special Use Permit application (completed & signed).
- Signed permit conditions acknowledgement form

The following documents must be presented for eligibility verification purposes:

- Photo identification
- Valid Commercial Saltwater Products License (SPL) issued to applicant
- Valid Commercial Vessel Registration issued to applicant (if boat decal is desired)

Persons who apply by mail must provide legible photo copies of eligibility verification documents. These copies will be destroyed once we confirm that the information contained in those documents matches the information provided on your application.



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Application for Special Use Permit

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** Allow **AT LEAST** four (4) business days for processing. A non-refundable processing fee should accompany this application unless the requested use is an exercise of a First Amendment right. You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States as also insured.

Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax#:
E-mail:	E-mail:

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram, attach additional pages if necessary):

Requested Location: _____

Date(s): _____

Event set up will begin: (date and time)	Event will begin: (date and time)	Event will end: (date and time)	Removal will be done: (date and time)

Maximum Number of Participants _____ (Please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles _____ (attach parking plan)

Support Equipment (list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary)

List support personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and telephones attach additional pages if necessary) _____

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers): _____

Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights? ☐ Y ☐ N

Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area? ☐ Y ☐ N

Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past? ☐ Y ☐ N

(If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.)

Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event? ☐ Y ☐ N

Will you distribute printed material? ☐ Y ☐ N

Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event?(If yes, please explain on a separate page.) ☐ Y ☐ N

Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale? ☐ Y ☐ N

(These activities may require an additional permit.)

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of **\$150.00** made payable to **National Park Service**. Credit card payments may be accepted at some parks. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to the Park address found on the first page of this application.*

Note that this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct any use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park prior to the event for final approval by the Park Superintendent.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. All the applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240



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COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT CONDITIONS

This Commercial Harvesting Permit covers activities in waters administered by Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and Canaveral National Seashore (Mosquito Lagoon, north Indian River Lagoon, and north Banana River.) Commercial harvesting of seafood products from these waters is authorized with the purchase of this permit, together with applicable Federal, state, and local licensing requirements. The permit fee is \$150.00 and is valid from October 1st through September 30th, annually. Each individual harvesting, handling, or transporting seafood products from these waters must obtain and carry this permit. Commercial activities covered under this permit include, but are not limited to crabbing, clamming, oysters, fishing, and harvesting shrimping for commercial purposes. Commercial Harvesting Permits are issued at Canaveral National Seashore's headquarters office.

Permit Conditions:

- Commercial harvesting is allowed in the Indian River, Banana River, and Mosquito Lagoon except for Kennedy Space Center security areas. All impounded waters (waters inside a dike) are closed to commercial harvesting.
- A valid Saltwater Products License (SPL) is required to obtain a permit.
- Oysters and clams must be taken by hand and/or hand rake. Mechanical devices are not permitted.
- Certain waters can be closed to shell fishing harvesting periodically. It is your responsibility to keep informed of these changes. The Florida Marine Patrol publishes maps depicting current closures and area status is available 24 hours a day by calling (321) 383-2740.
- Nighttime boat launching (between sunset and sunrise) is permitted only by Bairs Cove, Beacon 42 ramp, and the Public Boat Ramp on A1A at Canaveral National Seashore in New Smyrna Beach.
- Air thrust boats and personal watercraft are prohibited from operation in all Refuge waters, and all waters of Canaveral National Seashore (excluding the Intracoastal Waterway {ICW}, from Marker 13 south to Haulover Canal).
- Numerous manatee protection zones are found within the waters of the Refuge and Seashore. All protection zones are clearly identified with signs. Heed all signs and abide by posted limits. Boats are restricted to Idle Speed in Bairs Cove and slow speed/minimum wake in Haulover Canal. All waters of Mosquito Lagoon are regulated under State and Federal laws. A Manatee Sanctuary is established in the Banana River and motorized vessels are excluded from most of these waters. See Refuge Sports Fishing Regulations for more information.

- Commercial fishing is not permitted in Eddy Creek, Patillo Creek, and KARS Marina from December 15th through March 31st.
- Permit holder must comply with all Federal and State firearm laws.
- Two “Pole & Troll” Zones exist in Mosquito Lagoon and are delineated with buoys. Internal combustion motors must be shut off within the zones (except in the posted channels) and vessels drafting more than 12 inches at rest must not enter. Boats may operate internal combustion engines only in the posted channels but electric trolling motors may be used anywhere within the zones.
- Monthly catch logs must be maintained and copies provided to Canaveral National Seashore.
- Violation of permit regulations or state laws may result in the suspension or revocation of your commercial harvesting permit.

SIGNATURE

DATE

- FOR OFFICE USE ONLY -

Applicant has valid SPL: (Y / N)

R/S endorsement: (Y / N)

SPL presented issued to permit applicant: (Y / N)

Valid commercial vessel registration: (Y / N)

Boat registered to permit applicant: (Y / N)

Identification form presented: _____

***** ILLEGIBLE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED *****

Note: Please direct questions regarding these conditions, fishing laws, regulations or equipment requirements to a Park Law Enforcement Ranger or Fish & Wildlife officer.